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SUBJ: RAMPAGING JCP AND KOMEITO FULFILL PREDICTIONS

WITH STRONG SHOW IN NAHA CITY ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS

SUMMARY: FULFILLING PRE-ELECTRION PREDICTIONS AND CONTINUING A NATION-WIDE PATTERN OF PERFORMANCE IN LOCAL ELECTRIONS, THE KOMEITO AND THE OKINAWA PEOPLES' PARTY (JCP AFFILIATED) MADE A STRONG SHOW IN THE JULY 92 NAHA CITY ASSEMBLY ELECTION, AND ELECTED ALL OF THEIR CANDIDATES. THE OKINAWA LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY ELECTED 12 OF ITS 18 CANDIDATES. THE OKINAWA SOCIALIST MASSES PARTY, JAPAN SOCIALIST PARTY, AND THE DEMOCRATIC SOCIALIST

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PARTY ALSO RAN CANDIDATES. END SUMMARY.

1. FINAL RESULTS OF THE JULY 29 ELECTIONS FOR THE 44 SEATS IN THE NAHA CITY ASSEMBLY WERE ANNOUNCED JULY 30 AS FOLLOWS:

SEATS (SEATS HELD BEFORE CANDIDATES VOTES
ELECTION)

LDP	12	10	18	31,788
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KOMEITO	8	4	8	15,787
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OPP(JCP)	7	4	7	19,636
OSMP	5	5	11	15,563
JSP	3	0	6	9,201
DSP	2	2	4	7,258
INDEPENDENT	7	3	24	26,808
TOTAL	44	28	78	126,041

2. THIS IS THE FIRST ELECTION FO NAHA CITY ASSEMBLY AFTER THE MAY 15, 1972 REVERSION; JAPANESE LAW INCREASED THE NUMBER OF SEATS TO 44.

3. VOTER TURNOUT OF 69.93 PERCENT WAS CONSIDERED LOW (IN TERMS OF ABOUT 70 PERCENT TURNOUT AT LAST NAHA CITY ASSEMBLY ELECTION) AND WAS ATTRIBUTED TO GOOD BEACH WEATHER AS WELL AS TO A LACK OF VOTER INTEREST IN THE "NATIONAL-LEVEL INTEREST ISSUES" WHICH WERE STRESSED IN CAMPAIGN.

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4. INITIAL REACTIONS TO PARTY PERFORMANCE CONCENTRATED ON OKINAWA PEOPLE'S PARTY (JCP) AND KOMEITO SHOWING. OPP/JCP'S EIGHT CANDIDATES WERE ALL ELECTED AS THE COMMUNIST ORGANIZATIONAL MACHINE DELIVERED THE VOTE. KOMEITO'S 7 CANDIDATES WERE ALL ELECTED WITH STRONG SOKAGAKKAI BACKING, A BLEND OF RELIGION AND POLITICS AND THE SLOGAN "MIDDLE OF THE ROAD REFORMISTS". LDP HELD ITS OWN IN ELECTING 12 OF ITS 18 CANDIDATES, BUT COULD NOT CAPITALIZE ON ITS STRONG CRITICISM OF URBAN PROBLEMS TO IMPROVE ITS RANKING. THE HOME-GROWN OKINAWA SOCIALIST MASSES PARTY LOST ITS FIRST PLACE STANDING AMONG THE REFORMISTS, ELECTING 5 OF 11 CANDIDATES. IT APPEARS TO BE WEAKENED BY A LACK OF A STRONG BACK-UP ORGANIZATION, BY IRRESOLUTE DAILY POLITICKING, AND BY THE INHERENT DIFFICULTIES OF A ONE-ISSUE (REVERSION) PARTY WHEN THAT ISSUE HAS BEEN REMOVED. ABOUT ALL THAT COULD BE SAID FOR THE JSP (3 SEATS) AND DSP (2 SEATS) WAS THAT THEY WERE QTE SLUGGISH UNQTE.

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